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PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND ANNOTATIONS

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The fifty-first session of the Human Rights Committee will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 4 to 29 July 1994. The first meeting will be convened on Monday, 4 July 1994 at 10.30 a.m.

2. In accordance with rule 6 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has prepared, in consultation with the Chairman of the Committee, the attached provisional agenda for the fifty-first session. Annotations to the provisional agenda are also attached.

3. Pursuant to rule 33 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the meetings of the Committee will be held in public unless the Committee decides otherwise or it appears from the relevant provisions of the Covenant or the Optional Protocol that the meetings should be held in private.

4. The attention of States parties is drawn, in particular, to the annotations to item 4, which contain the tentative timetable for the consideration of reports at the fifty-first session. In accordance with rule 68 of the Committee's rules of procedure, representatives of States parties may be present at the meetings of the Committee when their reports are examined.

5. At its fiftieth session, the Committee decided that two working groups, established under rules 62 and 89 of its rules of procedure, should meet for a period of one week prior to its fifty-first session. The working groups are scheduled to meet at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 27 June to 1 July 1994.

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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda.

2. Organizational and other matters.

3. Submission of reports by State parties under article 40 of the Covenant.

4. Consideration of reports submitted by State parties under article 40 of the Covenant.

5. Consideration of communications under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant.

6. Annual report of the Committee to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council under article 45 of the Covenant and article 6 of the Optional Protocol.

ANNOTATIONS

1. Adoption of the agenda

Under rule 8 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the first item on the provisional agenda for any session shall be the adoption of the agenda. In accordance with rule 9, during a session the Committee may revise the agenda and may, as appropriate, defer or delete items; only urgent and important items may be added to the agenda.

2. Organizational and other matters

Under this item, the Committee will consider its programme of work for the session. In this connection, it may be noted that the Committee decided at its fiftieth session to set up, in addition to the presessional working group on communications, a working group under article 40 of the Covenant to prepare concise lists of issues concerning periodic reports scheduled for consideration at the fifty-first session; to consider any draft general comment that may be put before it relating to article 25 of the Covenant; to review the format of the Committee's annual report to the General Assembly pursuant to its decision adopted on 6 April 1994 to discontinue the practice of preparing summaries of the consideration of State party reports for inclusion in the Committee's annual report; and to formulate recommendations relating to the forthcoming meeting of persons chairing the human rights treaty bodies.

3. Submission of reports by State parties under article 40 of the Covenant

Reports received

In addition to the reports which are scheduled for consideration by the Committee at its fifty-first session (see the timetable for consideration of reports under item 4 below), the Secretary-General has received the reports of the following States parties:

Slovenia	Initial report due in 1992	(CCPR/C/74/Add.1)
Nepal	Initial report due in 1992	(CCPR/C/74/Add.2)
Latvia	Initial report due in 1993	(CCPR/C/81/Add.1)
Paraguay	Initial report due in 1993	(CCPR/C/81/Add.3)
Togo	Second periodic report due in 1990	(CCPR/C/63/Add.2)
Argentina	Second periodic report due in 1992	(CCPR/C/75/Add.1)
Yemen	Second periodic report due in 1993	(CCPR/C/82/Add.1)
New Zealand	Third periodic report due in 1990	(CCPR/C/64/Add.9)
Morocco	Third periodic report due in 1992	(CCPR/C/76/Add.3 and 4)
Tunisia	Fourth periodic report due in 1993	(CCPR/C/84/Add.1)

The Secretary-General has also received supplementary reports from Kenya and the Gambia which the Committee will consider together with those States parties' second periodic reports.

Reports due

The situation with regard to the submission of reports by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant is as follows:

States parties whose reports were due by the closing date of the fiftieth session (8 April 1994) but have not yet been received

Initial reports

State party	Date due	Number of reminders sent
Gabon	20 April 1984	19
Equatorial Guinea	24 December 1988	10
Somalia	23 April 1991	5
Haiti	5 May 1992	2
Zimbabwe	12 August 1992	3
Croatia	7 October 1992	1
Grenada	5 December 1992	2
Israel	2 January 1993	2
Albania	3 January 1993	2
Estonia	20 January 1993	2
Lithuania	19 February 1993	2
Angola	9 April 1993	1
Brazil	23 April 1993	1
Benin	11 June 1993	1
Côte d'Ivoire	25 June 1993	1
Guatemala	4 August 1993	1
Seychelles	4 August 1993	1
Cambodia	25 August 1993	1
United States of America	7 September 1993	1
Switzerland	17 September 1993	1

Second periodic reports

State party	Date due	Number of reminders sent
Syrian Arab Republic	18 August 1984	20
New Zealand - Cook Islands	27 March 1985	9
Gambia	21 June 1985	18
Suriname	2 August 1985	17

Second periodic reports (continued)

State party	Date due	Number of reminders sent
Lebanon	21 March 1986	17
Kenya	11 April 1986	16
Mali	11 April 1986	16
Jamaica	1 August 1986	14
Netherlands-Antilles	31 October 1986	8
Guyana	10 April 1987	14
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	13 December 1987	12
Central African Republic	9 April 1989	9
Gabon 1/	20 April 1989	9
Congo	4 January 1990	8
Zambia	9 July 1990	7
Bolivia	13 July 1990	7
Viet Nam	31 July 1991	5
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	31 October 1991	5
San Marino	17 January 1992	4
Sudan	17 June 1992	3
Philippines	22 January 1993	2
Niger	31 March 1994	-

Third periodic reports

State party	Date due	Number of reminders sent
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	4 February 1988	-
Lebanon 2/	21 March 1988	12
Cyprus	18 August 1989	-
Syrian Arab Republic 2/	18 August 1989	9
Trinidad and Tobago	20 March 1990	8
Gambia	21 June 1990	7
Mauritius	18 July 1990	7
Suriname 2/	2 August 1990	7
Denmark	1 November 1990	7
Barbados	11 April 1991	6

1/ The State party's initial report has not yet been received

2/ The State party's second periodic report has not yet been received

Third periodic reports (continued)

State party	Date due	Number of reminders sent
Kenya 2/	11 April 1991	6
Mali 2/	11 April 1991	6
Nicaragua	11 June 1991	5
Zaire	31 July 1991	5
Jamaica 2/	1 August 1991	5
Portugal	1 August 1991	5
Sri Lanka	10 September 1991	5
Netherlands	31 October 1991	5
Australia	12 November 1991	4
France	3 February 1992	4
India	31 March 1992	4
Panama	31 March 1992	4
Guyana 2/	10 April 1992	4
Rwanda	10 April 1992	4
Madagascar	31 July 1992	3
Central African Republic 2/	7 August 1992	3
Democratic People's Republic of Korea 2/	13 December 1992	2
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines 2/	8 February 1993	2
Austria	9 April 1993	1
Peru	9 April 1993	1

Fourth periodic reports

State party	Date due	Number of reminders sent
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya 3/	4 February 1993	-
Lebanon 4/	21 March 1993	-
Uruguay	21 March 1993	1
Panama 3/	6 June 1993	1
Germany	3 August 1993	1
Madagascar 3/	3 August 1993	1
Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro)	3 August 1993	1
Belarus	4 November 1993	1

3/ The State party's third periodic report has not yet been received

4/ The State party's second and third periodic reports have not yet been received.

Fourth periodic reports (continued)

State party	Date due	Number of reminders sent
Ecuador	4 November 1993	1
Mauritius 3/	4 November 1993	1
Russian Federation	4 November 1993	1
Dominican Republic	3 April 1994	-

States parties whose reports are to be submitted between the closing date of the Committee's fiftieth session (8 April 1994) and the closing date of its fifty-first session (29 July 1994)

Initial reports

State party	Date due
Moldova	25 April 1994

Third periodic reports

State party	Date due
Gabon 5/	20 April 1994
Afghanistan	23 April 1994
Belgium	20 July 1994

Fourth periodic reports

State party	Date due
Chile	28 April 1994
Spain	28 April 1994

5/ The State party's initial and second periodic reports have not yet been received.

4. Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant

A tentative timetable for the consideration of reports at the fifty-first session, prepared in consultation with the Chairman and subject to approval by the Committee, is given below:

Timetable for consideration of reports of States parties

Jordan (Third periodic)	CCPR/C/76/Add.1	Tuesday, a.m./p.m. Wednesday, a.m.	5 July 1994 6 July 1994
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya 6/ (Second periodic)	CCPR/C/28/Add.16	Thursday, a.m./p.m.	7 July 1994
Italy (Third periodic)	CCPR/C/64/Add.8	Monday, a.m./p.m. Tuesday, a.m.	11 July 1994 12 July 1994
Azerbaijan (Initial)	CCPR/C/81/Add.1	Tuesday, p.m. Thursday, p.m.	12 July 1994 14 July 1994
Cyprus (Second periodic)	CCPR/C/32/Add.18	Wednesday, a.m./p.m. Thursday, a.m.	13 July 1994 14 July 1994
Burundi 7/		Monday, a.m./p.m.	18 July 1994
Afghanistan (Second periodic)	CCPR/C/57/Add.15	Wednesday, p.m. Thursday, a.m./p.m.	20 July 1994 21 July 1994

In accordance with rule 68 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has informed the States parties concerned of the tentative dates on which their respective reports are scheduled for consideration by the Committee at its fifty-first session.

If submitted by the Working Group, the Committee will also consider a draft general comment relating to article 25 of the Covenant.

6/ The Committee began consideration of the second periodic report of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya at its 1275th and 1276th meetings (forty-ninth session) and decided to continue consideration of it at the fifty-first session.

7/ At its forty-ninth session, the Committee requested the Government of Burundi to submit a report relating to recent and current events affecting the implementation of the Covenant in Burundi, particularly in respect of the application of articles 4, 6, 7, 9, 12 and 25 of the Covenant. Upon receipt, the report will be issued, with the symbol CCPR/C/98.

5. Consideration of communications under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant

In accordance with the provisions of chapter XVII of the rules of procedure, the Committee will consider under this item communications which are or appear to be submitted to it under the Optional Protocol.

One hundred and twenty-three communications are pending before the Committee from earlier sessions. Taking into account the deadlines established by the Committee for submission of further information from the parties, 37 cases (earlier declared admissible) may be considered for the adoption of final views and 86 cases may be considered for a decision on admissibility. In addition, the Committee will have before it summaries of a number of recently registered communications and summaries of new communications registered after its last session, together with an indication of any action which may have been taken by the Special Rapporteur concerning new communications.

In accordance with article 5, paragraph 3, of the Optional Protocol and rule 82 of the Committee's rules of procedure, this agenda item will be considered in closed meetings.

6. Annual report of the Committee to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council under article 45 of the Covenant and article 6 of the Optional Protocol

Under article 45 of the Covenant, the Committee is to submit to the General Assembly, through the Economic and Social Council, an annual report on its activities. Article 6 of the Optional Protocol provides that the Committee shall include in its annual report a summary of its activities under the Protocol.

At its fifth session, the Committee decided that, beginning in 1979, it would adopt its annual report at the end of the second annual (summer) session, for appropriate transmission to the General Assembly. Accordingly, the annual report in 1994 will cover the activities of the Committee at its forty-ninth (October/November 1993), fiftieth (March/April 1994) and fifty-first (July 1994) sessions.